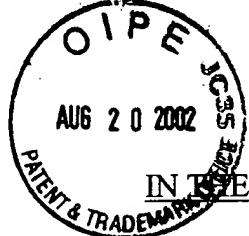


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are also enclosed.

The cited references were called to Applicants' attention in an Office Action dated May 23, 2002, in European Patent Application No. 199 64 216.8-27, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of the Search Report and an English translation thereof is also submitted herewith, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of relevance of the cited art.

To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and so is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(4).

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(E)(1)

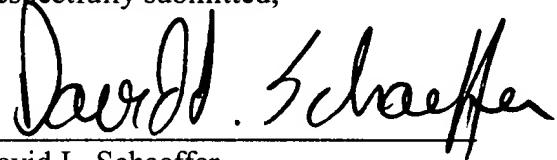
It is hereby certified that each item of information in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date hereof.

Accordingly, no fee is believed to be due. If, however, the Commissioner determines otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fee, as well as any other fee which may now or hereafter be due, to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08a) be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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